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Arizona Upland Cotton Production 4 Percent Higher Than Last Year

Arizona's 139,000 acres of upland cotton for harvest are expected to produce 420,000 bales, up 4 percent from the 2008 crop. As of December 1, yield is estimated at 1,450 pounds per acre, down 12 pounds from last year.

Arizona's American-Pima yield was forecast at 997 pounds per acre in August and this forecast has been carried forward each month. Production is expected to produce 2,700 bales, compared to 800 last year. Harvested acres are estimated at 1,300, compared to 800 last year.

For the United States, all Cotton production is forecast at 12.6 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from last month but down 2 percent from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 12.2 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from last month but down 1 percent from last year. Producers in the Southeast region are expecting increased yields due to ideal weather conditions for this year's late planted crop. Texas producers are also expecting higher yields. Upland growers in California, Georgia, Kansas, North Carolina, and Oklahoma are expecting record high yields. The American-Pima production forecast, at 367,000 bales, was carried forward from the August 2009 forecast.

Cotton: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Type, State, and United States, 2008 and Forecasted December 1, 2009

Type and State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production 1/	
	2008	2009	2008	Nov 1, 2009	Dec 1, 2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>			<i>1,000 Bales 2/</i>	
<u>Upland</u>							
AL	286.0	250.0	787	710	710	469.0	370.0
AZ	133.0	139.0	1,462	1,450	1,450	405.0	420.0
AR	615.0	500.0	1,012	893	826	1,296.0	860.0
CA	117.0	70.0	1,506	1,495	1,714	367.0	250.0
FL	65.0	81.0	916	741	664	124.0	112.0
GA	920.0	990.0	835	873	907	1,600.0	1,870.0
KS	25.0	32.0	653	615	720	34.0	48.0
LA	234.0	225.0	576	768	704	281.0	330.0
MS	360.0	285.0	911	842	758	683.0	450.0
MO	303.0	263.0	1,106	949	949	698.0	520.0
NM	35.0	28.0	974	1,029	943	71.0	55.0
NC	428.0	370.0	847	921	986	755.0	760.0
OK	155.0	195.0	811	825	837	262.0	340.0
SC	134.0	114.0	881	737	842	246.0	200.0
TN	280.0	280.0	909	926	891	530.0	520.0
TX	3,250.0	3,700.0	657	636	649	4,450.0	5,000.0
VA	60.0	64.0	908	938	900	113.5	120.0
US	7,400.0	7,586.0	803	767	774	12,384.5	12,225.0
<u>Amer-Pima 3/</u>							
AZ	0.8	1.3	480	997	997	0.8	2.7
CA	151.0	127.0	1,281	1,247	1,247	403.0	330.0
NM	1.9	1.4	758	789	789	3.0	2.3
TX	15.0	16.5	768	931	931	24.0	32.0
US	168.7	146.2	1,226	1,205	1,205	430.8	367.0
<u>All</u>							
US	7,568.7	7,732.2	813	776	782	12,815.3	12,592.0

1/ Production ginned and to be ginned.

2/ 480-lb. net weight bales.

3/ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

Arizona Citrus

Arizona's lemon production is expected to total 2.50 million boxes during the 2009/2010 season, down 17 percent from last season. Lemon production for the United States is expected to total 22.5 million boxes, a 10 percent decrease from the 2008/2009 season.

Tangerine and tangelo production in Arizona is expected to increase by 100,000 boxes and is estimated at 350,000 boxes. The U.S. production is expected to total 12,150 boxes, up 13 percent from last season.

Citrus Fruits: Utilized Production by Crop, State, and United States, 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and Forecasted December 1, 2009 1/

Crop and State	Utilized Production		
	2007-08	2008-09	Forecasted Dec 1, 2009-10

1,000 Boxes 2/

Tangerines

AZ 3/ 4/	400	250	350
CA 3/ 4/	6,700	6,700	7,000
FL	5,500	3,850	4,800
US	12,600	10,800	12,150

Lemons 3/

AZ	1,500	3,000	2,500
CA	14,800	22,000	20,000
US	16,300	25,000	22,500

1/ The crop year begins with the bloom of the first year shown and ends with the completion of harvest the following year. Oranges and grapefruit are no longer in the citrus estimating program.

2/ Net lbs. per box:: Lemons-76; Tangerines-AZ and CA-75, FL-95.

3/ Estimates for current year carried forward from previous forecast.

4/ Includes tangelos & tangors.

Dry Edible Beans, Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by State and United States, Forecasted December 1, 2009

State	Harvested		
	Harvested	Yield	Forecasted Dec 1, 2009

1,000 Acres

Pounds

1,000 Cwt 1/

AZ	15.5	2,120	322
CA	68.5	2,050	1,394
CO	57.0	1,350	858
ID	100.0	2,000	1,980
KS	8.5	2,800	224
MI	200.0	1,800	3,510
MN	150.0	1,800	2,521
MT	11.9	2,030	234
NE	130.0	2,100	2,457
NM	12.5	2,250	281
NY	16.0	1,190	185
ND	610.0	1,480	8,362
OR	6.5	2,260	147
SD	10.3	2,340	232
TX	37.0	1,600	552
WA	58.0	1,800	1,044
WI	6.4	1,980	127
WY	36.5	2,100	746
US	1,534.6	1,737	25,176

1/ Clean Basis.

Pecans: Utilized Production by Crop, State, and United States, 2007-2008 and Forecasted December 1, 2009

State	Utilized Production		
	2007	2008	2009

1,000 Pounds

AL	12,000	8,000	10,000
AZ	23,000	17,500	24,000
AR 1/	2,300	1,500	2,300
CA 1/	4,400	3,750	3,800
FL 1/	1,900	1,700	2,100
GA	150,000	70,000	85,000
KS 1/	500	1,900	1,700
LA	14,000	5,000	8,000
MS 1/	3,000	1,500	2,500
MO 1/	5	940	1,800
NM	74,000	43,000	76,000
NC 1/ 2/	200	700	
OK	30,000	5,000	20,000
SC 1/	2,000	3,400	4,000
TX	70,000	30,000	60,000
US	387,305	193,890	301,200

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

2/ Estimates discontinued in 2009.

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Release Dates for Upcoming National Reports

December 22 Cotton Ginnings
December 30 Agricultural Prices
January 12 Crop Production
January 12 Cotton Ginnings
January 12 Annual Crop Production
January 12 Grain Stocks
January 12 Winter Wheat Seedings

Hired Workers Down 2 Percent, Wage Rates up 2 Percent From a Year Ago

There were 1,092,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 11-17, 2009, down 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 807,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 285,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.91 per hour during the October 2009 reference week, up 21 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.25 per hour, up 20 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$10.23 per hour compared with \$10.21 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.24 per hour, was up 15 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 39.0 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 6 percent from a year ago.

The 2009 U.S. all hired worker annual average wage rate was \$10.82 per hour, up 2 percent from the 2008 annual average wage rate of \$10.59 per hour. The U.S. field worker annual average wage rate was \$10.07 per hour, up 29 cents from last year's annual average. The field and livestock worker combined annual average wage rate at the U.S. level was \$10.11 per hour, up 2 percent from last year's annual average wage rate of \$9.89 per hour.

Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates By Selected Region, 2008-2009 1/ 3/

Region	All Hired		Field		Field & Livestock	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	Dollars per Hour		Dollars per Hour		Dollars per Hour	
Mountain I (ID, MT, WY)	9.99	10.36	9.94	10.22	9.64	9.90
Mountain II (CO, NV, UT)	10.43	10.72	9.69	10.28	9.88	10.06
Mountain III (AZ, NM)	10.46	10.45	9.20	9.40	9.82	9.71
Pacific (OR, WA)	10.69	11.56	10.05	10.84	10.12	10.85
CA	11.03	11.14	9.98	10.05	10.17	10.25
US 2/	10.59	10.82	9.78	10.07	9.89	10.11

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ Excludes AK.

3/ Annual rates are averages of the published wage rates for each survey week weighted by the number of hours worked during the week.



Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays to all the growers and agribusinesses of Arizona, and to all the University, State and Federal Agencies that provide services that make our mission a success. We would like to express our gratitude for your support to our survey operations. The real value of timely, accurate and unbiased agricultural statistics is evident in the high demand for our data products by individual farmers and ranchers, ag related industries, educational institutions, and other governmental agencies.

The holiday season is upon us and it is time to focus on families and friends and the blessings of living in a great country where freedoms and opportunities abound. From all of us at AG STATISTICS, we want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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November Farm Prices Received Index Unchanged

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 134 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from October. The Crop Index is down 1 point (0.7 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 4 points (3.6 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, eggs, milk, and tomatoes and lower prices for apples, broccoli, strawberries, and grapes. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell.

Increased monthly marketings of milk, cotton, cattle, and oranges offset decreased marketings of soybeans, potatoes, peanuts, and lettuce.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 8 points (5.6 percent) from November 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 134, increased 1 point (0.8 percent) from last month but decreased 5 points (3.6 percent) from November 2008.

Prices Paid Index Down 4 Points

The November Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 176 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from October but 6 points

(3.3 percent) below November 2008. Lower prices in November for nitrogen, complete feeds, other services, and potash & phosphate offset higher prices for diesel, supplements, LP gas, and feeder cattle.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, November 2008 and 2009 and October 2009

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		November 2008 Entire Month	October 2009 Entire Month	November 2009 Mid-Month	November 2008 Entire Month	October 2009 Entire Month	November 2009 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	54.8	56.7	57.9
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	290.00	187.00	177.00	221.00	161.00	159.00
Durum Wheat	\$ Ton	3/	1/	1/	297.70	165.70	149.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	185.00	105.00	105.00	165.00	109.00	10.00
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	33.10	43.90	39.00	34.80	44.30	41.90
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	45.00	45.00	43.00	43.10	43.60	42.00
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	94.00	84.00	86.00	90.90	84.40	85.60
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	62.60	57.50	86.80	84.30	79.20	79.80
Calves	\$ Cwt	97.00	95.00	98.00	105.00	104.00	105.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	16.10	13.40	14.40	17.10	14.20	15.00

- 1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.
2/ Marketing year August – February.
3/ Not available for Arizona.
4/ Mid-month.
5/ F.O.B. packed fresh. Net lbs. per box: 76.
6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
7/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.
8/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2008		2009	
	October	November	October	November
Prices Received	150	142	134	134
Prices Paid	187	182	176	176
Ratio 1/	80	78	76	76

- 1/ Ratio of index prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.